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Born A. M. 4004. Died A. D. 33.

JESUS CHRIST,

According to the Chriſtian Faith, united God and Man in one Perſon. The Virgin Mary conceived him by the Holy Ghoſt. He was the Type contained in the Prophecies of the Old Teſtament, the Hope of the Patriarchs, the Salvation of the Gentiles, and the glorious Conſolation of Chriſtians.

Born of the Virgin Mary, Matthew i. 18—Angel ſatisfied the Suſpicions of Joſeph, Matt. i. 19—Wiſe Men directed to Chriſt by a Star, Matt. ii. 1—Wiſe Men worſhip Jeſus, Matt. ii. 11—Joſeph flecth into Egypt with Jeſus and his Mother, Matt. ii. 14.

Born A. M. 4004. Died A. D. 32.

JOHN THE BAPTIST,

Was the Forerunner of Chriſt, being born of Zachariah and Elizabeth Six Months before our Saviour. He was ſo greatly eſteemed for his Virtue, that many of the Jews took him for the Meſſiah. He had the Honour of baptiſing Chriſt in the river Jordan. All thoſe who believed in the Meſſiah being born, were baptiſed by John the Baptiſt.

John the Baptiſt preacheth, Matt. iii. 7—reprehends the Phariſees, Matt. iii. 7—baptized Chriſt, Matt. iii. 13—Chriſt faſted, and was tempted, Matt. iv. 1—miniſtered unto by the Angels, Matt. iv. 11—dwelt at Capernaum, Matt. iv. 13—called Peter and Andrew, Matt. iv. 18—called James and John, Matt. iv. 21.

Died A. D. 25. Died A. D. 25.

JOSEPH.

He married the Virgin, and was the ſuppoſed Father of Jeſus. He is called by Matthew a juſt Man. His Occupation was, according to ſome, that of a Carpenter; but Juſtin Martyr ſays, that he worked on Yokes and Ploughs. He was prevented by the Holy Ghoſt, from putting away his Wife, in conſequence of finding her with Child when he married her.

Chriſt healed the diſeaſed, Matt. iv. 23—preached in the Mount, Matt. v. 1—declared who are bleſſed, Matt. v. 3—declared he came to fulfil the Law, Matt. v. 17—what it is to kill, Matt. v. 21—what to commit Adultery. Matt. v. 27—what to ſwear, Matt. v. 33.

Died A. D. 34. Di... A. D...

VIRGIN MARY,

Mother of Jeſus Chriſt, Wife of Joſeph of Naza... and Daughter of Joachim and Anna, of the ... of Judah. She was married to Joſeph, of the ... Tribe, and conceived our Saviour when ſhe ... Virgin. Both ſhe and Joſeph were of the ... Houſe of David.

Chriſt cleanſed the Leper, Matt. viii. ... healed the Centurion's Servant, Matt. viii... —ſtilled the Tempeſt at Sea, Matt. viii. 2... drove out the Devils of two poſſeſſed, M... viii. 28—ſuffered the Devils to go into Sw... Matt. viii. 31—cured the Man of the P... Matt. ix. 2.

Born A. D. 8. Died A. D. 99.

ST. JOHN,

The Evangeliſt, was the Son of Zebedee and Salome, born at Bethſaida, in Galilea, and followed the Profeſſion of a Fiſherman. He was greatly beloved by our Saviour. To him Jeſus recommended the Care of his Mother. He preached the Goſpel in Aſia, and reſided chiefly at Epheſus. By the Order of Domitian, he was plunged into burning Oil, without receiving the leaſt Injury.

Chriſt commanded the poor Widow, Luke xxi. 1—foretold the Deſtruction of the Temple of Jeruſalem, L. xxi. 5—Jews conſpire againſt Chriſt, L. xxii. 1—Apoſtles prepare the Paſſover, L. xxii. 7—Chriſt inſtituted the Supper, L. xxii. 19.

Died A. D. 33. Died A. D. 33.

JUDAS ISCARIOT,

Or Judas the Traitor. For 30 Pieces of Silver, which is about 3l. 15s. Sterling, he betrayed Jeſus Chriſt, his Lord and Maſter, into the Power of the Jews. Repenting of his Ingratitude and Treachery, he returned the Hire of his Infamy; and, in the Height of his Remorſe, hung himſelf.

Chriſt aſſured Peter of his Faith, Luke xxii. 31—told Peter he would deny him thrice, L. xxii. 34—promiſed the Holy Ghoſt, John xiv. 16.—Parable of the Vine, J. xv. 1—prayed to his Father to glorify him, J. xvii. 1—betrayed by Judas, J. xviii. 1—Peter ſmote off the Ear of Malchus, J. xviii. 10—Jeſus taken and led to Caiaphas, J. xviii. 19.

Called A. D. 25. Stoned A. D. 50.

ST. BARNABAS,

The Diſciple of Chriſt, and Companion of St. Paul, was born at Cyprus, of the Tribe of Levi. He is thought to have been one of the 70 Diſciples choſen by our Saviour. Separating from St. Paul, he went and founded a Church at Milan, in Italy. According to ſome, he ſuffered Martyrdom at Salamis.

Chriſt arraigned before Pilate, John xviii. 28—Jews deſired Barnabas might be releaſed, J. xviii. 40—Chriſt ſcourged, crowned with Thorns, and beaten, J. xix. 1—Pilate was deſirous of releaſing him, J. xix. 4—obliged to deliver him to the Jews, J. xix. 4—Lots caſt for Chriſt's Garments, J. xix. 23.

Died A. D. 40. Di... A. D. ...

NICODEMUS,

Was firſt a Phariſee, and one of the Senators of ... Jewiſh Sanhedrim. Being one of Chriſt's Di... ples, he, after the Death of our Saviour, op... declared his Religion, which cauſed him to loſe ... Dignity as a Senator, and to be driven from Je... ſalem. He was, however, ſupported until he d... at the Country-houſe of his Couſin-german Gamalie...

Chriſt being fixed on the Croſs, commende... his Mother to John, John xix. 26—Chriſt ... pired on the Croſs, J. xix. 28—his Side pierce... J. xix. 31—buried by Joſeph and Nicodem... J. xix. 38.

Wrote his Epiſtles, A. D. 71. Martyred A. D. 80.

ST. JUDE,

Was ſometimes called, like James the Leſs, the Brother of our Lord. He is ſuppoſed to have been the Son of Mary, the Siſter of the Bleſſed Virgin. No Particulars being preciſely known of this holy Character, we can only mention that he was Author of the Epiſtle which bears his Name in the New Teſtament. It was addreſſed to the converted Jews againſt the falſe Teachers.

Peter cured a lame Man, Acts iii. 1—reprehended the multitude for crucifying Jeſus, A. iii. 13—exhorted them to ſeek Remiſſion of their Sins and Salvation in the ſame Jeſus, A. iii. 19—The Rulers of the Jews offended with the Sermon of Peter, A. iv. 1.

Wrote his Epiſtles, A.D. 59. Martyred A. D. 62.

ST. JAMES THE LESS.

He was called the Brother of our Lord, being Son of Mary, Siſter to the Bleſſed Virgin. His exemplary Piety cauſed him to be ſurnamed the Juſt. He ſuffered Martyrdom during the Feaſt of the Paſſover at Jeruſalem, of which Place he had been conſtituted the Biſhop.

Peter impriſoned, Acts iv. 4—being examined, boldly aſſerts the lame Man was cured by the Name of Jeſus, and that by the ſame Jeſus only all muſt be ſaved, A. iv. 5—Peter and John commanded to preach no more in the Name of Jeſus, A. iv. 13.

Struck dead Acts v. 5. Struck dead Acts v. 5.

ANANIAS,

One of the firſt Chriſtians of Jeruſalem, was ſuddenly ſtruck dead with Sapphira, his Wife, for lying to the Holy Ghoſt, Acts v. Reſerving to themſelves what they had voluntarily offered ſhould be in common, they were guilty of both Sacrilege and Perjury, which Crimes are deemed criminal by the Church—Lying to the Holy Ghoſt.

God teſtified he heard the Prayers of his Diſciples, by moving the Place where they were aſſembled, Acts iv. 31—God confirmed them in their zeal, by the Gift of the Holy Ghoſt, and exciting mutual Love and Charity among themſelves, A. iv. 31—Ananias falls down dead, A. v. 5—Sapphira, Wife of Ananias, ſhares the Fate of her huſband, A. v. 10.

Struck dead Acts v. 10. Struck de... Acts v. 1...

SAPPHIRA,

Wife of Ananias, was, with her Huſband, ſtruck ... inſtant Death for participating with him in the Cr... of Sacrilege and Perjury, and thus attempting ... deceive the Holy Ghoſt. This Circumſtance and J... ment of Heaven is related in the 5th chapter of A... verſe 1.

Apoſtles wrought many Miracles, Acts v. ... —again impriſoned, A. v. 17—delivered fr... Priſon by an Angel, A. v. 19—in Danger ... being killed, A. v. 33—preſerved by the Adv... of Gamaliel, a great Counſellor among t... Jews, A. v. 33—beated, for which they glor... God, A. v. 40.

Reſtored to Life, Acts ix. 36. Reſtored to Life, Acts ix. 36.

TABITHA,

Was a Chriſtian Widow, at Joppa, whom St. Peter raiſed to Life. She was venerable for her Years, Piety, and diffuſive Charity. Peter found her Body juſt waſhed, clothed, and prepared for its Funeral. Having called her again to Life, he was greatly careſſed, and entertained a conſiderable Time at the Houſe of one Simon, a Tanner in Joppa.

Jews wait to kill Saul, Acts ix. 23—Grecians wait to kill Saul, A. ix. 29—Saul eſcaped his Perſecutors, A. ix. 29—Peter healed Æneas of the Palſy, A. ix. 31—reſtored Tabitha to life, A. ix. 36—Cornelius commanded by an Angel to ſend for Peter, A. ix. 1.

Converted, Acts ix. 34. Baptized, Acts ix. 48.

CORNELIUS,

Was a Roman Captain, who commanded in the Italian Legion, then in Caſarea. His Virtue, Piety, and Charity, raiſed him to great Eminence. This is the Perſon who the Angels informed Peter had ſent for him. Peter immediately went, with Six other Brethren, from Joppa, and met Cornelius, agreeable to the Divine Appointment.

Peter taught by a Viſion not to deſpiſe the Gentiles, Acts ix. 15 & 20—Peter preached to Cornelius, A. ix. 34—and his Congregation viſited by the Holy Ghoſt, A. ix. 44—Cornelius and his Company baptized, A. ix. 48—Peter accuſed for going to the Gentiles, A. x. 11.

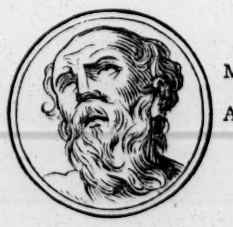
Died Acts xii. 20. Died Acts xii. 20.

HEROD,

Surnamed the Great. He obtained the Government of Galilee, and followed the Party of Brutus and Caſſius. After their Death he was made Governor of Judea, for eſpouſing the Cauſe of Antony. He ordered all the Males, not exceeding Two Years old, to be put to Death in the Territory of Bethlehem, in order that Jeſus Chriſt might ſhare the general Slaughter.

Barnabas ſent to confirm the converted in Phenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, Acts xi. 19—Diſciples firſt called Chriſtians, A. xi. 26—ſend Relief to their Brethren in Judea, in time of Famine, A. xi, 27—Herod perſecuted the Chriſtians, A. xii. 1.

Martyred A. D. 44. Martyr... A. D. ...



ST. JAMES THE ELDER,

Is diſtinguiſhed from his Brother James the You... by being called the Greater or Elder. He was ... ther to St. John the Evangeliſt, and a faithful D... ple and Follower of our Saviour; after whoſe ... he ſuffered Martyrdom at Jeruſalem, where he ... ſeized and executed, by order of Herod Agr... A. D. 44.

Herod killed James, and impriſoned P... A. xii. 1—Herod ſtruck by an Angel, and ... miſerably, A. xii. 20—Herod being dead, ... Word of God proſpered, A. xii. 24.

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Died A. D. 65.

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ST. MATTHEW,

The Evangelist and Apostle, was a Galilean by Birth, a Jew by Religion, and a Publican by Profession. Jesus, seeing him sitting at the Receipt of Customs, called him as one of his Followers. He immediately obeyed, and became one of his most constant and faithful Disciples.

Christ called Matthew, Matt. ix. 9—eat with Publicans and Sinners, Matt. ix. 10—defends his Disciples for not fasting, Matt. ix. 14—raised Jairus' Daughter, Matt. ix. 23—gave Sight to two blind Men, Matt. ix. 27—cured a dumb Man who was possessed of a Devil, Matt. ix. 32.

Preached A. D. 58.

Martyred A. D. 68.

ST. MARK,

The Evangelist, is said to have been the Disciple and Interpreter of St. Peter, under whose Direction he wrote his Gospel. But some imagine he was one of the 70 Disciples before he joined St. Peter. He is said to have been martyred at Alexandria, in consequence of being sent by St. Peter to preach the Gospel in Egypt.

Christ chose his 12 Apostles, Mark iii. 13—John the Baptist beheaded, Mark vi. 18—Miracle of the 5 Loaves and 2 Fishes, Mark vi. 34—Christ healed all who touched him, Mark vi. 53—acknowledged he was Christ, who would suffer and rise again, Mark viii. 29—Christ's Transfiguration, Mark ix. 2.

Converted A. D. 62.

Died about A. D. 70.

ST. LUKE,

The Evangelist, was a Native of Antioch, in Syria, and a Physician. St. Paul probably converted him at Antioch: being his Companion in those Journies St. Paul took for the Propagation of the Faith. Under his Direction, it is thought, he wrote his Gospel. The Time and Manner of his Death is not exactly ascertained.

Christ sent 70 Disciples to work Miracles Luke x. 1—taught the Lawyer the Laws of eternal Life, L. x. 25—reprehended Martha, and commended Mary, L. x. 41—healed the crooked Woman, L. xiii. 11—reproved Herod and Jerusalem, L. xiii. 31.

Called A. D. 20.

Crucified A. D. 69.

ST. ANDREW,

The Apostle, was a Fisherman, a Native of Bethsaida, and Brother of Simon Peter. He preached the Gospel in Scythia, and the neighbouring Countries. Endeavouring to convert the Proconsul Ægeas at Patræ, in Achaia, he was, by the Governor's Orders, scourged and crucified.

The parable of the lost Sheep, Luke xv. 1.—of the Prodigal Son, L. xv. 11—of the unjust Steward, L. xvi. 1—Dives and Lazarus, L. xvi. 19—Christ rode into Jerusalem, L. xix. 28—drove the Buyers and Sellers out of the Temple, L. xix. 45.

Died A. D. 36.

Died A. D. 36.

MARY MAGDALEN,

Was so called from being born at the Town of Magdala. She is supposed to have been that Sinner whom Luke mentions, Chap. vii. 36, 37. To her Christ appeared after his Resurrection. She assisted at his Burial.

Mary came to the Sepulchre, John xx. 1—Peter and John came to the Sepulchre, J. xx. 3.—Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalen, J. xx. 11—appeared to his Disciples, J. xx. 19—St. Thomas disbelieved Christ, J. xx. 24—convinced of his Error, J. xx. 24—Jesus declared the Scripture sufficient for Salvation, J. xx. 30.

Died A. D. 42.

Died A. D. 42.

ST. MATTHIAS,

The Apostle, was chosen in the Place of Judas Iscariot. He preached the Gospel in Juzea, and afterwards fixed his Abode in Colchis, now Mengrelia, in Asia. Endeavouring to convert the barbarous People, among whom he had settled, he is said to have suffered Martyrdom. The Manner of his Death is unknown.

Christ appeared again to his Disciples, John xxi. 1—known by the great Draught of Fishes, J. xxi. 1—dined with his Disciples, J. xxi. 12—earnestly commanded Peter to feed his Lambs and Sheep, J. xxi. 15—foretold Peter of his Death, J. xxi. 18—rebuked his curiosity respecting John, J. xxi. 22.

Converted A. D. 28.

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WOMAN OF SAMARIA.

This Woman relieved Jesus Christ with some Water she had drawn from a Well, where he was resting and suffering great Thirst. Being convinced by his Conversation of his being a great Prophet she caused him to be received as such in the City of Samaria.

Christ promised the Holy Ghost, Luke xxiv. 69—ascended into Heaven in the Presence of his Disciples, L. xxiv. 51—Disciples warned by two Angels to depart, and expect his Second Coming, Acts i. 9—Apostles choose Matthias in the place of Judas, Acts i. 12.

Wrote his Epistles, A. D. 92.

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ST. JOHN.

This John Mark, who is very erroneously taken by some for Mark the Evangelist, went with Paul and Barnabas on the Holy Mission. He went with Barnabas to Cyprus. Nothing is related of him after, except his being at Rome, doing essential Services to St. Paul, while he was preaching in that City.

Apostles filled with the Holy Ghost, Acts ii. 1—spoke divers Languages, A. ii. 1—Peter declared Christ was risen and ascended into Heaven, A. ii. 14—Peter baptized a great Number of Converts, A. ii. 37—Apostles performed many Miracles, A. ii. 41.

Stoned A. D. 33.

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ST. STEPHEN,

Was the first Martyr. He was appointed Chief of the Seven Deacons. Having performed many Miracles, and strenuously defending the Faith of Christ, he was cruelly stoned to death by the Jews, as related in the Seventh Chapter of Acts.

Apostles appoint the 7 Deacons, Acts vi. 3—Stephen chosen one of the Deacons, A. vi. 5—taken by those he confuted, A. vi. 12—falsely accused of Blasphemy, A. vi. 13—permitted to answer, A. vii. 1—reprehended the Jews for murdering Christ, A. vii. 51—stoned to Death, A. vii. 54.

Crucified A. D. 66.

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ST. PETER,

The Apostle, was a Fisherman, Native of Bethsaida, and Brother of Andrew. According to the Prediction of Jesus, Peter denied Christ Three Times in the Hall of the High Priest. He, however, continued ever after a most zealous Apostle, in which Service he was crucified at Rome with his Head downwards. A. D. 66.

The Church planted in Samaria, Acts viii. 5—Philip the Deacon preached, and performed many Miracles, A. viii. 5—Philip baptized Simon the Sorcerer, A. viii 5—Peter and John came to confirm and enlarge the Church, A. viii. 14.

Came to Rome A. D. 41.

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SIMON MAGUS,

The Sorcerer, who lived at Samaria when St. Philip preached the Gospel; but being converted, he offered the Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul great Sums of Money to induce them to teach him the Secret of those Miracles he saw them perform. This Offer they rejected with the greatest Indignation. From him the Crime of Simony derives its Name.

Simon offered to buy of Peter and John the Power of working Miracles, A. viii. 18—Simon reproved by Peter, A. viii. 20—Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, A viii. 20—Philip sent by an Angel to baptize the Ethiopian Eunuch, A. viii. 26.

Born A.M. 4002.

Beheaded A. D. 66.

ST. PAUL,

Formerly named Saul, was a Native of Tarsus, in Cilicia; a Pharisee, and a Roman Citizen. After persecuting the Church, he became one of its most strenuous Disciples of Christ. He was miraculously converted in his Journey to Damascus, where he was going to seize and bring all who were believing in Christ to Jerusalem.

Saul, afterwards St. Paul, struck down going to Damascus against the Christians, Acts ix. 4—Saul called to the Apostleship, A. ix. 10—baptized by Ananias, A. ix. 18—preached the Faith of Christ, A. ix. 20.

Martyred A. D. 71.

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BARTHOLOMEW,

The Apostle, was one of the first Disciples of Christ. Very little being known respecting him, we have only to observe, that he is thought to have preached the Gospel as far as India, at Hierapolis, in Lycaonia; and lastly, at Albania, a City on the Caspian Sea. According to some Writers, he was, at the latter Place, flayed alive, and crucified with his Head downwards.

Paul and Barnabas go to the Gentiles, Acts xiii. 1—Elymas the Sorcerer died, A. xiii. 17—Paul stoned, A. xiv. 19—Paul and Barnabas leave each other, A. xv. 36—Paul and Silas whipped, A. xvi. 19—Paul and Silas released from Prison, A. xvi. 37.

Born A. M. 3990.

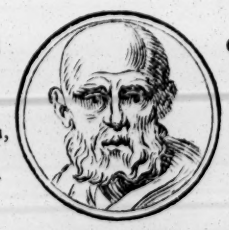
Died A. D. 44.

AGRIPPA,

Surnamed Herod, was Grandson of Herod the Great. He received Part of the Kingdom of Judea from the Emperor Caius Caligula, in the Year 37; and 4 Years after, the remaining Part from Claudius. Having reigned Seven Years, he died with a dreadful Disease, with which God afflicted him as a Punishment for his Impiety. A. D. 44.

Paul laboured with his Hands, Acts xviii. 3—Holy Ghost given by Paul, A. xix. 6—The Doctrine of Christ blasphemed by the Jews, A. xix. 9—Demetrius raised an Uproar against Paul, A. xix. 24—The Town Clerk appeased the Uproar against Paul, A. xix. 35.

Convinced of Christ being risen, A. D. 33.



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ST. THOMAS,

The Apostle, was surnamed Didymus, which signifies TWIN in the Greek Language. Little is known of either the Beginning or latter Part of his Life. Expressing some Doubt of Christ being risen from the Dead, our Saviour convinced him, by desiring he would feel his Wounds. St. Thomas is thought to have preached, and suffered Martyrdom in the Indies.

Paul went to Jerusalem, where he was rescued from his Enemies by the chief Captain, Acts xxi. 31—prevented himself from being scoured, by claiming the Privileges of a Roman Citizen, A. xxi. 35—sent Prisoner to Governor Felix, A. xxiii. 27.

Struck Blind, Acts xiii. 11.

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ELYMAS,

He was called Barefus: he was a Jewish Magician, in the Island of Crete, where he resisted Paul and Barnabas, in their Holy Mission. Endeavouring to prevent Sergius Paulus, the Governor, from being converted, he was struck blind by Paul. The Governor seeing this Miracle, was immediately converted.

Paul shipwrecked, Acts xxvii. 41, &c—unhurt by the Viper, A. xxviii. 5—healed many Diseases, A. xxviii. 8—went to Rome, A. xxviii. 11—declared to the Jews the Cause of his coming, A. xxviii. 17.

No. 33, LUDGATE-STREET: Also, The OLD TESTAMENT, and the HISTORIES of ENGLAND, FRANCE, ROME, and GREECE, on the above Plan.